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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ABELARDO VALDEZ

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TAGS: OVIP (VALDEZ, ABELARDO L.) BL

SUBJECT: VISIT OF AA/LA, ABELARDO L. VALDEZ

REFERENCE: STATE 009353

1. SECTION 111(E) OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1977 REQUIRES AID TO USE AT LEAST 750,000 DOLLARS OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH PROMOTE OR ENCOURAGE HUMAN RIGHTS. AS ONE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN BUREAU'S RESPONSES TO THIS SECTION, I AM INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING GRANT ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS AND CHURCH-SPONSORED GROUPS WORKING ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN LATIN AMERICA. DURING MY VISIT TO BOLIVIA I HOPE TO GATHER INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION
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TO IDEA OF ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR MY SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PATRICK BRESLIN, AND DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, ROBERT CULBERTSON, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SUCH GROUPS IN BOLIVIA.

2. I HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE ASAMBLEA PERMANENTE DE DERECHOS HUMANOS AND WOULD LIKE BRESLIN

AND CULBERTSON TO MEET WITH LUIS ADOLFO SILES SALINAS
MONDAY, JANUARY 23 AND HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT THAT
GROUP'S ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, I UNDERSTAND SILES SALINAS
HAS A POLITICAL ROLE IN PRESENT SITUATION AND THAT
THE HUNGER STRIKE COULD ALSO STILL BE AN ISSUE. IF
MEETING WITH SILES SALINAS IS UNADVISABLE AT THIS POINT,
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY GUIDANCE ON WHETHER APPOINT-
MENTS WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR BRESLIN AND CULBERTSON WITH
OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF ASAMBLEA PERMANENTE OR,
ALTERNATELY, YOUR COUNSEL ON APPOINTMENTS WITH OTHER
GROUPS THAT MIGHT FIT THE SECTION 111(E) RUBRIC.
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